
Title: Virtue

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Within this world
live people with many
different ideals, and
this is good. Yet what
is it within the people
of our land that sorts
out the good from the
evil, the cherished
from the disdained?
Virtue, I say it is,
and virtue is the
logical outcome of a
people who wish to
live together in a
bonded society.

For without Virtues
as a code of conduct
which people maintain
in their relations
with each other, the
fabric of that society
will become weakened.
For a society to grow
and prosper for all,
each must grant the
others a common base
of consideration.

I call this base the
Virtues. For though
one person might gain
personal advantage by
breaching such a
code, the society as a
whole would suffer.

There are three
Principle Virtues that
should guide people to
enlightenment. These
are: Truth, Love and
Courage. From all the
infinite reasons one
may have to found an
action, such as greed
or charity, envy or
pity, the three
Principle Virtues
stand out.

In fact all other

virtues and vices can
be shown to be built
from these principles
and their opposite
corruptions of
Falsehood, Hatred and
Cowardice. These
three Principles can
be combined in eight
ways, which I will
call the eight virtues.
The eight virtues
which we should
build our society upon
follow.

Truth alone becomes
Honesty, for without
honesty between our
people, how can we
build the trust which
is needed to
maximize our
successes.

Love alone becomes
compassion, for at
some time or another
all of us will need the
compassion of others,
and most likely
compassion will be
shown to those who
have shown it.

Courage alone
becomes Valor,
without valor our
people will never
reach into the
unknown or to the
risky and will never
achieve.

Truth tempered by
Love give us Justice,
for only in a loving
search for the truth
can one dispense fair
Justice, rather than
create a cold and
callous people.

Love and Courage
give us Sacrifice, for
a people who love each
other will be willing
to make personal
sacrifices to help
other in need, which
one day, may be
needed in return.

Courage and Truth

give us Honor, great
knights know this
well, that chivalric
honor can be found
by adhering to this
code of conduct.

Combining Truth,
Love and Courage
suggest the virtue of
Spirituality the virtue
that causes one to be
introspective, to
wonder about ones
place in this world
and whether one's
deeds will be recorded
as a gift to the world
or a plague.

The final Virtue is
more complicated. For
the eighth combination
is that devoid of
Truth, Love or
Courage which can
only exist in a state
of great Pride, which
of course is not a
virtue at all. Perhaps
this trick of fate is a
test to see if one can
realize that the true
virtue is that of
Humility. I feel that
the people of
Magincia fail to see
this to such a degree
that I would not be
surprised if some ill
fate awaited their
future.

Thus from the
infinite possibilities
which spawned the
Three Principles of
Truth, Love and
Courage, come the
Eight Virtues of
Honesty, Compassion,
Valor, Justice,
Sacrifice, Honor,
Spirituality, and
Humility.